

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 12 and 14 are amended, and claims 22-23 are added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Examiner Joseph Williams is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative at the July 2, 2003 personal interview. The points discussed are incorporated herein.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Reyal, U.S. Patent No. 5,898,259. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed at the personal interview, independent claims 1 and 2 define over Reyal. Dependent claim 3 -11 are allowable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 2, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

Regarding independent claim 12, Reyal at least does not disclose or suggest main frames includes a first portion extending perpendicular to the tension mask and a second portion extending perpendicular to the first portion defining a lower plane, wherein a width of a middle portion of the lower plane is greater than a width of edge portions of the lower plane, the width of the edge portions being greater than zero. Accordingly, the rejection of the independent claim 12 over Reyal should be withdrawn.

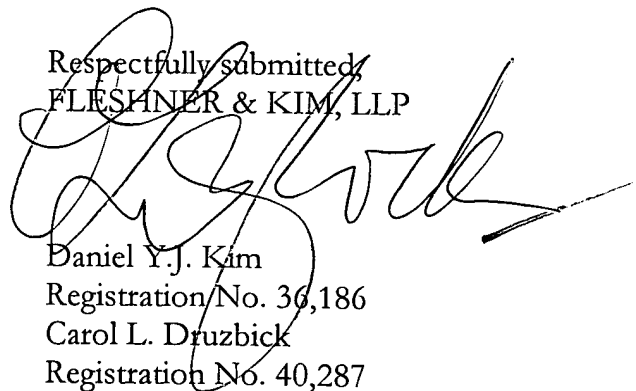
Dependent claims 13 and 15-21 are also allowable at least for the reasons discussed above

with respect to independent claim 12, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features. As agreed at the personal interview, claim 22 contains allowable features over Reyal. Dependent claim 14 and 23 depend from claim 22 and thus should also be allowable over Reyal for the reasons discussed in the personal interview with respect to claim 22, as well as for their added features.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Carol L. Druzbeck, at the telephone number listed below. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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